

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

5 In view of applicants' amendments at page 2, lines 2-12 and at page 5, lines 15 and 16, the rejection under §112, first paragraph, has been overcome, and, accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants have cancelled the new matter referenced in items g) and h) in responding to the Office Action.

10 In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, labeled (g) (o) (y), (f), (ag) (an), and (as), Applicants have amended the claims, and it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome and should, accordingly, be withdrawn.

By this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have overcome the rejection under §112, second paragraph, labeled (d) under paragraph 9. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 21, 32, and 33 under §112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

15 With respect to the objections to the disclosure (Item 8, (a) and (b), page 1, lines 29-32 have been amended, and applicants have amended the term to read N-methanesulfonyl-4-piperidinyl. Thus the objections have been overcome, and should be withdrawn.

20 In response to the Advisory Action of August 19, 2003, Applicants have amended the structural formula in claim 21 to include R₅ and also recited in the body of the claim "where R₅ is H". The amendment to the structural formula and the definition of R₅ is H, are fully supported in the as-filed PCT application.

In addition, Applicants have amended the definition of R₁₂ in the specification so that it is now in agreement with the definition of R₁₂ in claim 21. This, too, is supported in the as-filed specification.

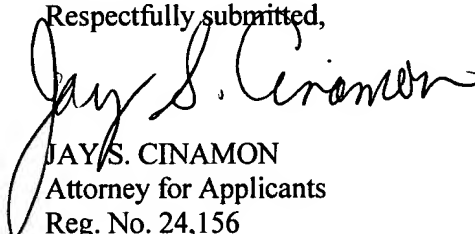
It is respectfully submitted that, by virtue of the foregoing amendments to the claims and to the specification, the rejection of claims 21-26, 28-30, 32, and 33 under §112 have been overcome and, accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

5 Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

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Respectfully submitted,


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